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## SC Retirement System Investment Commission Hires Hershel Harper as CIO

Today, the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission named Hershel Harper as the Chief Investment Officer. Mr. Harper has sixteen years of experience in investment management, both in the public and private sectors. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Chief Investment Officer for the Retirement System Investment Commission. Previously, he worked in various investment management positions for State Street Global Advisors, Bank of America, and Evergreen Investments. He also served for nine years in the National Guard.

“Hershel has served the Commission for the past several years and has done an outstanding job leading our staff, helping turn the organization and the state of South Carolina into a leader in the public pension world,” Commission Chairman Reynolds Williams said.

Mr. Harper earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Finance from Louisiana Tech University and a Master’s Degree in Finance from Louisiana State University. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst. He lives in Columbia with his wife Jennifer and their daughter.

### Background on the Investment Commission

The Retirement System Investment Commission (RSIC) is a seven-member commission made up of financial experts, including the State Treasurer, the director of the Public Employee Benefit Authority, and a retired member of the Systems.

As the fiduciary, the RSIC is exclusively empowered to invest and manage all assets of the South Carolina Retirement Systems. The RSIC is committed to serving the best interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the Retirement System, and will continue to manage the assets of the portfolio in a prudent and transparent manner, seeking superior returns at acceptable levels of risk.

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